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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 January 27, 2009.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere	Trustee Gorham	Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio	Trustee Stris	Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Greco Jacobs		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Speranza		School District Attorney Frazer*
		District Clerk Michels
		Building Principal Capozzoli
		Building Principal Gruen
		Building Principal Huplosky
		Building Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 100 Visitors

Convening
The meeting was convened at 7:15 p.m. by Vice-President DiSibio.

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 on a motion made by Trustee Greco Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Attorney Frazer arrived at 7:30 as requested.

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. by Vice-President DiSibio.

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 6 and December 15, 2008 meetings.

MINUTES OF 12/6 & 12/15/08
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

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Memorandums received from Frazer & Feldman:

- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Amendments Act of 2008
- New FERPA Regulations (Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974)

Letter from Nassau BOCES regarding a referendum on February 10, 2009 to permit the purchase of the facility at One Merrick Avenue in Westbury.
Letter from Senator Charles Schumer regarding grants for funding under 2009 Teaching American History.
The Clerk read a postcard sent from India by President Stris.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

On January 8th the district celebrated “Rock-N-Roll” day that was the result of the student vote last May under our Democracy in Action. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was remembered throughout the District as students learned about his life and the importance of helping friends, promoting kindness and doing good deeds. Using technology, Inauguration Day 2009 was highlighted for our students. Wheeler Avenue School Student Council presented their goals and accomplishments at the January PTA meeting; Howell Road School celebrated Chinese New Year and are preparing for Healthy Heart Month in February; Willow Road students are involved in a project called “Cold Hands, Warm Hearts” where students donate mittens for the needy; and James A. Dever students participated in a sign language assembly with students from North and Central High Schools. Trustee Tom Speranza participated in the NYS School Board Association’s Leadership Development Opportunities and received a Developmental Achievement Citation. The 2009-2010 budget is being prepared and you are invited to attend the Budget Meeting on Wednesday, February 11th at 6 p.m. in the Board Room. If anyone is interested in serving as Budget Ambassador, please contact Denise Michels, District Clerk, at 568-6100.

Dr. Lison introduced Stephanie Capozzoli, Principal at Willow Road School who honored Maria Mirabile, secretary, who retired in December 2008.

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School Calendar 2009-2010

To approve the school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR
APPROVED

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

EDUCATION (F. Chiachiere, T. Speranza)

Principal Capozzoli gave a presentation “Supporting All Students” and the kindergarten students performed and shared their dreams for the future.

At 8:35 p.m. Vice President DiSibio called for a 10-minute recess.

Teacher Salary Increments

To approve the Salary Increments effective February 1, 2009 as listed:

SALARY INCREMENTS

NAME	SCHOOL	STEP	
		FROM	TO
Michelle Dorsi	Wheeler	3MA	3MA+15
Bonney Goldberg	Dever	7MA+45	7MA+60
Paula Groothuis	Willow	20MA+45	20MA+60
Mary Ellen Kefalogiannis	Dever	6MA+45	6MA+60
Anna Mihalos	Howell	7MA+45	7MA+60
Lisa Mulqueen	Howell	11MA+45	11MA+60
Vita Tringone	Willow	22MA+30	22MA+45

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

Employment for Before and After School ELA Program

To add Karen Gerner and Ruth Palazzolo for the Before and After School ELA Program effective October 28, 2008 through January 8, 2009 for two days per week, one hour per day, at their hourly rate of pay, not to exceed 14 hours each.

ELA BEFORE AND AFTER
SCHOOL EMPLOYMENTS

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

Employment of Teachers for Before and After School Math Program

To employ the following teachers for the Before and After School Math Program effective January 12, 2009 through February 26, 2009 for two days per week, one hour per day, not to exceed 10 sessions, at their hourly rates of pay:

MATH BEFORE AND AFTER
SCHOOL EMPLOYMENTS

<u>Dever</u>	<u>Howell</u>
Annemarie Gunn	Dianna Chappell
Zennea Hauser	Lisa Ellis
Teresa O’Hara	Toni Pomerantz
Neil Sklar	Jackie Schimmenti
J. J. Weiner	Matthew Stashin
	Marlou Teh-Bradley
<u>Wheeler</u>	<u>Willow</u>
Maria Cassano	Fran Achtziger
Valerie Cassano	Elena Bagge
Rosemary Dellapina	Melissa Bianculli
Michelle Dorsi	Matthew Costantino
Corrine Lavin	Mary Catherine Culella-Sun
Lisa Smaldon	Rich Faso
	Lisa Gimbel
	Donna Quartuccio
	Ruth Palazzolo
	Daniel Rothbard

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the Substitute Teacher list for the 2008-2009 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST
UPDATED

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

Assignment of a Tutor for Home Schooling

To assign Matthew Stashin as the tutor for a 5th grade student at Howell Road School, intermittently home schooled, for the remainder of the school year.

M. STASHING APPROVED TO
TUTOR HOME SCHOOLED
STUDENT

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

Leave of Absence Without Pay

To approve a Leave of Absence Without Pay, in accordance with Section 5.13 of the VSTA/Board Contract, for Mia Greco, effective February 3, 2009 and until further notice on or about April 15, 2009.

M. GRECO LEAVE OF ABSENCE
W/O PAY APPROVED

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

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BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, B. Gorham]

Treasurer's Reports

To accept the Treasurer's Reports for the months ending November 30, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORTS
APPROVED

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

OMNI Group 403(b) Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement

To accept and approve the 403(b) Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement with the OMNI Group, and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.

OMNI RETIREMENT PLAN
AGREEMENT ADOPTED

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

Resolution To Authorize A Joint Application For A Local Government Efficiency Grant

WHEREAS, Nassau County, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) of Nassau County, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen, and other school districts within the county desire to create and implement plans for consolidation of school district support services to improve operating efficiencies and save tax dollars, and to seek to implement such plans as may as having great potential for saving tax dollars, and

LOCAL GOVT EFFICIENCY
GRANT APPROVED

WHEREAS, it is understood that, notwithstanding the approval of this resolution in support of a grant application, the participation of any school district in any portion of this effort to consolidate support services will be strictly voluntary, and

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen would like to join in submitting an application for a Twenty-First Century Demonstration Project Grant under the New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen:

1. Authorizes the lead applicant contact person to submit an application on behalf of the Board for financial assistance to the 2008-09 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, and to execute all financial and administrative processes and instruments relating to the grant program.
2. Authorizes BOCES of Nassau County to act as the "Lead Applicant" for the grant application, and Tom Stokes, Deputy County Executive for Budget and Finance, to act as the "Lead Applicant Contact Person" on the grant application form.
3. Agrees to act as a "Co-Applicant" and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute all financial and administrative processes and instruments relating to the grant program. Other co-applicants will include Nassau County, Nassau BOCES and a majority of the school districts within Nassau County. A list of all participating school districts will be included in the grant application.
4. Joins in a grant application to be submitted for a Local Government Efficiency Grant award that would enable the applicant and co-applicants to identify and implement cooperative back office functions that allow school districts to save money while maintaining high quality educational programs. The project will provide for shared or consolidated back office functions in several areas, including information technology and telecommunications, cooperative purchasing, audit services, and non-public pupil transportation. The project name is the "Nassau School and Municipal Savings Initiative."
5. Agrees that the amount of the grant applied for shall not exceed \$1,000,000, with a maximum local match of up to \$111,111.
6. Understands that it is anticipated that the local match sum referenced in Item 5, above, will be funded via already-existing grant funds, and if such funds should for any reason not become available, the maximum local match to be requested from the Board, for participation in the grant activities, shall not exceed \$1000 and such sum shall not be due and payable unless the Board shall pass an enabling resolution.
7. Will work with the lead applicant and other co-applicants to prepare and execute any necessary intermunicipal agreements setting forth individual responsibilities related to Nassau School and Municipal Support Services Partnership.

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

Trustee Greco Jacobs explained that the purpose of this grant is to explore ways to consolidate support services between school districts to save tax dollars.

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POLICY COMMITTEE [D. Evans, J. Greco Jacobs]

Policies and Regulations for 2nd Reading and Adoption

POLICIES READOPTED

To adopt the following policies:

1100	Public Information Program
3230E	Organizational Chart
8332R	Staff Use of Cellular Phones regulations
2325/2325-R	Joint Boards Meetings policy and regulations to be abolished

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

Policies for 1st Reading

6670	Petty Cash/Petty Cash Accounts
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. DiSibio]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 12/12Wh, 12/12Wh, 12/16, 12/18, 12/19, 12/22H, 12/22D, 12/23, 1/6, 1/7D, 1/7H, 1/9Wh, 1/9Wi, 1/12, 1/14, 1/16, 1/20Wi and 1/20/09Wi.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 12/22/08 and 1/16/09.

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

Two-Year Special Education Plan

TWO-YEAR SPECIAL ED
PLAN APPROVED

To approve the Two-Year Special Education Plan effective September 2008 through August 2010.

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

Acceptance of a Donation

DONATION ACCEPTED

To accept a donation of children's books for the Willow Road School library from Mr. and Mrs. Evans with an estimated value of \$87.

Moved by Trustee Speranza, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, with gratitude, and carried unanimously.

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on the Natalie Ciappa Law that was recently passed. It requires the police commissioner to notify entities of arrests for sale or possession of heroine within a school district. This is for information purposes only and does not require school districts to notify parents. Nassau County is in the process of implementing a drug mapping index that will identify areas where drug arrests are made.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Denise Michels

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District Clerk