

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, February 15, 2011.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere		Superintendent Lison
Trustee DiSibio		Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Trustee Douglas		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Evans		Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Gartner		School District Attorney Feldman
Trustee Greco Jacobs		District Clerk Michels
Trustee Stris		Building Principal Capozzoli
		Building Principal Gruen
		Building Principal Huplosky
		Building Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 50 Visitors

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

CONVENING

Quorum
Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum
Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes
To approve the minutes of the January 18 meeting, with changes to the wording in Executive Session, and January 25 meeting.

MINUTES OF 1/18 & 1/25 MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence
A memo from Frazer & Feldman:

CORRESPONDENCE

- New Variance Procedures to Exceed Maximum Enrollment for Integrated Co-Teaching Classes

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Elizabeth Lison

On February 9, 2011 the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business presented the proposed Budget for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$42,538,261 which is a 2.89% increase over the current budget. The Board requested that additional reserve funds be used to reduce the tentative levy. \$2,100,000 will be appropriated to adjust the levy to a 2.82% increase. It is anticipated that the proposed budget will be adopted at the March 22nd meeting and will go before our residents on May 17, 2011. The first Budget Ambassador meeting will be held on March 10th in the cafeteria of the James A. Dever School. March 12th the VS PTA Council will hold the annual Legislative Breakfast and everyone is invited to attend. Willow Road participated in an annual "Souper Bowl" where they collected 550 cans of soup for the local pantries. The students read the book "The Mitten" and then collected mittens that were donated to the outreach programs in two local churches. Dever and Wheeler hosted Jump Rope for Heart events. Howell Road PTA sponsored a fundraiser "Howell Has Heart" for a Howell family in need and 500 students and 90% of the staff attended this even. Senator Dean Skelos and Nassau County Legislator John Ciotti stopped by to lend their support.

Memorandum of Agreement

MOA TEACHER AIDES &
MEDIA AIDES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District #13 approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated February 4, 2011 between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association Teacher Aides and Media Aides Unit regarding the terms and conditions of employment for the District Aides' unit employees for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [J. Gartner, S. Douglas]

Education Report – Science K-6

Stephanie Capozzoli, Principal at Willow Road School, introduced 6th Grade Teacher Nancy Sferrazza and Kindergarten Teacher, Vita Tringone. Board Members participated with the students in three experiments. Superintendent Lison was presented with a Galilean Thermometer in recognition of her upcoming retirement.

Salary Gates

SALARY GATES

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for gate increases according to the Board/VSTA contract.

Maria Romeo	Gate 9 to 10	effective December 15, 2010
Mary Frances Scott	Gate 9 to 10	effective February 1, 2011
Sharon Marrison	Gate 14 to 15	effective February 1, 2011
Karen Higgins	Gate 14 to 15	effective February 15, 2011

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

Leave of Absence

LOA S. MARRIONE

To approve a Leave for Health for Sharon Marrison, Classroom Teacher at Willow Road School, in accordance with the VSTA/Board contract section 5.11.2.6 effective February 18, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

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

Substitute Teacher List

SUBSTITUTE LIST
UPDATED

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

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, D. Evans]

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

To accept the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2011.

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

Litigation – Tax Certioraris

LITIGATION – TAX CERTS

Be it hereby resolved that the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education approves an Agreement for legal services dated January 6, 2011 between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Hamburger, Maxson, Yaffe, Knauer and McNally, LLP and authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement.

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

Budget Transfer

BUDGET TRANSFER

To approve the following transfer effective February 16, 2011:

<i>From:</i>		
<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1310.402.01	TAN Expenses	\$5,000
 <i>To:</i>		
<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1680.403.01	Central DP-Maint Hardware	\$5,000

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

Firefighter Tax Exemption

FIREFIGHTER TAX EXEMPTION
APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED that a partial exemption from school taxes be granted in the amount

of 10% of the assessed value of real property for primary residential real property within the district owned by eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service, as permitted and authorized by Section 466-c of the Real Property Tax Law.

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

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

Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption

POLICIES ADOPTED

To adopt the following policies:

- 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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President J. Gartner]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 1/21, 1/24, 1/28 and 2/4/11.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review dated 1/26 and 1/31/11.

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

Informational: Expiration of Trustee Terms

INFORMATIONAL

- Office of Frank Chiachiere, Ph.D., for a three-year term effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014
- Office of Debra Evans, for a three-year term effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014
- Office of Sean Douglas, for a three-year, 44 day term effective May 17, 2011 through June 30, 2014

Petitions are available in the office of the District Clerk at James A. Dever School on days when school is in session.

Discussion: Interest in Pursuing a Consolidation Study

DISCUSSION CONSOLIDATION STUDY

Discussion of Board's interest in pursuing a consolidation study with Valley Stream 30 and Valley Stream Central High School District.

A motion to participate in a consolidation study with Valley Stream Central HSD and Valley Stream UFSD #30 was made by Trustee Chiachiere. President Chiachiere polled the Board as follows:

Trustee Stris	Yes	Trustee Gartner	Yes
Trustee Greco Jacobs	Yes	Trustee Douglas	Yes
Trustee Evans	Yes	Trustee Chiachiere	Yes
Trustee DiSibio	Yes		

Report of the Attorney
Jack Feldman

The memo regarding New Variance Procedures to Exceed Maximum Enrollment for Integrated Co-Teaching Classes is available in the office of the District Clerk.

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

President Chiachiere requested a sub-committee be developed to research paperless Board packets and agenda. Trustees Greco Jacobs and Stris will examine the feasibility and report to the Board at the April 15th committee meeting.

Visitors

VISITORS

Richard Creeron, Taxpayer, spoke about the budget and administrative and teachers' salaries.

Ms. Testani requested that they reduce the salary of the incoming superintendent. She was advised by the Board that this is a negotiation's issue.

Debra Blyskal, Classroom Aide thanked the Board for approving the Classroom Aide Contract.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, the meeting was Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Denise Michels

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District Clerk