

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the auditorium of the James A. Dever School on Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

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

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss custodial negotiations and personnel 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

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:04 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum

Six members being present, a quorum was determined

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution: To approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting.

MINUTES OF 1/27/09
MEETING APPROVED

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

Correspondence

Letters received from attorneys Frazer & Feldman

- Revocation of Parental Consent for Special Education & Related Services
- Professional fees for 2009-2010

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association regarding the LI Education and Taxpayer Rally February 28 at 11 a.m. at Ellsworth W. Allen Park in Farmingdale.

Letter of resignation received from Trustee Bonnie Gorham was read by the District Clerk.

Trustee Gorham thanked each Board Member, and President Stris thanked Trustee Gorham for eight years of dedicated service to the Board of Education.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Superintendent Lison expressed her personal appreciation to Bonnie Gorham for her service on the Board of Education and thanked her for her commitment to the importance of education. The first Budget Ambassador meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the James A. Dever cafeteria. Willow Road School received the Exemplary Reading Award for 2008-2009 which was given by the International Reading Association. The Dever, Wheeler and Howell PTAs celebrated Founder's Day, and President Stris received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Howell Road School PTA. Wheeler's Founders' Day and Reflections programs were posted on Newsday's Blog; James A. Dever's PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) celebration began with an assembly from Naturalist/Storyteller, Bill Fix; Howell Road students celebrated Healthy Heart month and participated in a Hoop/hop-a-thon for Muscular Dystrophy; Wheeler held its annual Jump Rope for Hearts as part of the American Heart Associations effort to increase physical activity and help children make healthy food choices; and Willow Road School celebrated the 100th day of school. They collected well over 100 pairs of mittens that were donated to local outreach programs.

Employment of a Media Aide

To employ Kathy Burns as a Media Aide assigned to Willow Road School effective January 5, 2009 on Step 1 (\$15,243) and unless sooner terminated.

K. BURNS EMPLOYED AS A MEDIA AIDE

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

Substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide

To add Angela Lochan as a substitute Noon Hour/Classroom Aide.

A. LOCHAN ADDED AS A SUB CRA/NHA

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

EDUCATION (F. Chiachiere, T. Speranza)

Education Report:

The Jazz Ensemble performed under the direction of Glenn Guidone, Music Teacher at James A. Dever School.

Darren Gruen, Principal of James A. Dever School, reported on the new programs in mathematics.

Trustee Chiachiere thanked Glenn Guidone and Darren Gruen for their presentations.

Teacher Salary Increments

SALARY INCREMENTS

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

NAME	SCHOOL	FROM	STEP	
			TO	
Catherine Ricchiuti		Howell	6MA	6MA+15
Kelly Wilcha		Howell	9MA+30	9MA+45
Monica Nedab		Wheeler	21MA+15	21MA+30

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

Substitute Teacher List

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

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

BUSINESS [J. DiSibio, B. Gorham]

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2009.

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

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

Policy for 2nd Reading and Adoption

POLICY FOR ADOPTION

To adopt the following policy:

6670 Petty Cash/Petty Cash Accounts

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

Policies for 1st Reading

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- 4526 Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- 4526-R Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Regulation
- 4526-E Internet Acceptable Use Exhibit – Parental Consent
- 4526-1 Internet Safety Policy
- 4526-R Internet Safety Regulation
- 4526-E Internet Safety and Use Exhibit – Employee Agreement

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 1/9, 1/20Wi, 1/20Wi, 1/21,1/29Wi, 1/29D, 1/30, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6 and 2/9/09.

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Chiachiere 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 1/22, 1/30, 2/4, and 2/12/09.

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

Parent Members for CSE/CPSE

To add the following as parent members of the Committees on Special Education and Pre-School Education:

Stephanie Mayo Luisa DeBono
Deborah Kalb Jenny Hartin

PARENT MEMBERS ADDED
TO CSE/CPSE

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

Labor Counsel Retainer and Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute the Labor Counsel contracts between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and Guercio and Guercio, LLP, covering the periods March 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 and July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

GUERCIO & GUERCIO
APPOINTED AS LABOR
COUNSEL

Moved by Trustee DiSibio, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried. Trustee Gorham abstained from the vote.

Informational: Expiration of Trustee Terms

The following Trustee Seats will expire effective June 30, 2009:

TRUSTEE TERMS
EXPIRE 6/30/09

Office of William P. Stris, Member of Board of Education, for a three-year term effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012;

Office of Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Member of Board of Education, for a three-year term effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer reported on the Special Education revocation of parental consent. Parents send a letter to the CSE/CPSE office indicating they no longer desire services for their child. The Special Education office then sends a prior notice letter specifying the services that will no longer be provided to the child before discontinuing services. Parents are not entitled to pick and choose which IEP services they want their child to receive. If in the future, the parents feel that the student will benefit from additional services, a parent has the right to refer their child to the Committee on Special Education and the child will be reviewed as an initial referral.

New Business

Trustee Greco Jacobs wished Trustee Gorham well and thanked her for her contribution to the Board of Education.

President Stris invited Bonnie Gorham to the June 23rd Board of Education Meeting where she will be honored for her service on the Board for the past eight years. Ms. Gorham was PTA President at James A. Dever School from 1999-2002, she became a Lifetime Honorary PTA Member in 2001. She began her term as a board member in 2001 and became the Vice President of the Board in 2002. She was elected President of the Board in 2003.

Informational: The district was notified of a State Audit that began in February and will take several months to complete.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Gorham, seconded by Trustee Speranza and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Denise Michels
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District Clerk