

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, February 26, 2008.

<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 Evans		Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth
Trustee Gorham		Director of Special Services Sells-Asch
Trustee Greco Jacobs		School District Attorney Frazer
Trustee Stris		District Clerk Michels
Trustee Subbiondo		Building Principal Capozzoli
		Building Principal Gruen
		Building Principal Huplosky
		Building Principal Zerillo
		Approximately 75 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Seven 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 Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. by President Stris.

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 15 and January 22, 2008 meetings.

MINUTES OF 1/15, 1/22/08  
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

A letter was received from New York State School Boards Association for our membership & continued support;

Three letters were received from George Faber, Board President, Nassau BOCES,

(1) Conference March 17 at Hofstra entitled School & Community Collaboration:

Learning in the Early Years;

(2) Containing information needed to nominate candidates for election to the Nassau

BOCES Board and important dates leading up to the BOCES Board & Budget vote on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

(3) BOCES referendum passed enabling the Greenvale School to be renovated

A letter from the President of Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association, Jim Kaden,

regarding an Education & Taxpayer Rally on March 1 regarding State Aide cuts to Long Island.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Elizabeth Lison

Dr. Lison thanked Christine Zerillo, Principal at Wheeler Avenue School, for hosting the meeting this evening. Students have been learning about exercise, fitness, heart healthy activities and charitable work. Students at Howell Road School walked through a giant artery (constructed by art teacher Karen Martorana with the help of several parents) with a cardiac nurse from North Shore University Hospital. Students at both Wheeler Avenue School and James A. Dever School participated in a "Jump Rope for Heart" and "Hoops for Heart" with all proceeds donated to the American Heart Association. Willow Road School will kick-off their Fruit Cart and Leah Holbrook, Nutritionist, will do a presentation entitled "Know The Foods You Choose." On February 13<sup>th</sup> a budget meeting was held where priorities for the 2008-2009 budget were discussed. Budget information will be discussed at the March 18<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting and a proposed budget will be voted on at the March 25 Board Meeting. It is anticipated that this preliminary budget preserves our programs and buildings reflecting an increase of 5.26% and a tax levy increase of 3.99%, our lowest in a number of years. Budget Ambassadors met and were advised of the preliminary budget numbers and how they can communicate the budget message to the community. March 8<sup>th</sup> is the Valley Stream PTA Council Legislative Breakfast. This provides an opportunity to talk with legislators and elected officials about issues of importance. Tickets for the Education Foundation 80s Dance, to be held on April 11 at James A. Dever School, are available through your PTA and teacher leaders.

Resignation of a Noon Hour Aide

J. MONGIELLO RESIGNED

To accept the resignation of Joanne Mongiello as a Noon Hour Aide at Howell Road School effective February 15, 2008.

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

Emergency Conditional Employment of a Noon Hour Aide

R. AUBEL EMPLOYED AS A NHA

To conditionally employ Roberta Aubel as a Noon Hour Aide at Howell Road School effective February 25, 2008 on Step 1 (\$10.10 per hour).

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

**Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION** [F. Chiachiere, D. Evans]

Education Report

Christine Zerillo discussed the K-6 Science Program with the help of students. Each grade demonstrated their individual science lessons.

Trustee Chiachiere thanked Principal Zerillo and the students for a well done presentation.

GATE Advancement

J. SCHIMMENTI GATE ADVANCEMENT

To approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the GATE Advancement, according to the Board/VSTA contract, for Jackie Schimmenti from Step 19 to Step 20 effective February 15, 2008.

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

Teacher Salary Increments

M. DISCALA SALARY INCREMENT

To approve the Salary Increment effective February 1, 2008 as listed:

NAME	SCHOOL	STEP	
		FROM	TO
Michelle DiScala	Dever	10MA+45	10MA+60

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

Substitute Teacher List

UPDATED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST

To approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

**BUSINESS** [C. Subbiondo, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

To accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2008.

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

Capital Project Bid Recommendations

CAPITAL PROJECT BIDS AWARDED

To award the following capital projects to the lowest responsible bidder from the sealed bid held on January 18, 2008:

**Exterior Door Replacement at the Wheeler Avenue School**

SED # 280213-02-0-003-017

Contractor: C & M Door Controls of Port Reading, New Jersey  
Amount: \$18,000

**HVAC Reconstruction at the Wheeler Avenue School**

SED # 280213-02-0-003-017

Contractor: Walsh Mechanical Contractors of Ronkonkoma, New York  
Amount: \$32,100

**HVAC Reconstruction at the James A. Dever School**

SED # 280213-02-0-001-026

Contractor: Walsh Mechanical Contractors of Ronkonkoma, New York  
Amount: \$19,900

**Electrical Reconstruction at the James A. Dever School**

SED # 280213-02-0-001-026

Contractor: Palace Electrical Contractors of Wantagh, New York  
Amount: \$5,400

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

**POLICY COMMITTEE [B. Gorham, J. Greco Jacobs]**

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

To adopt the following policies:

1. 1500 Public Use of School Facilities
2. 2210 Board Reorganizational Meeting
3. 2230 Appointed Board Officers
4. 2450 Policy Dissemination
5. 3220 Administrative Council, Cabinet, Committees
6. 3230 E Organization Chart
7. 4511 Textbook Selection and Adoption
8. 8212 Vandalism

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

POLICIES ADOPTED

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice President D. Evans]**

Committee on Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 12/10, 1/2, 1/3, 1/7, 1/8, 1/10, 1/22, 1/22, 1/29, 1/30, 2/4, 2/5, 2/5, 2/5, 2/6, 2/11 and 2/12/2008.

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

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Special Education Reviews dated 1/9, 1/18, 1/28, and 2/4/2008.

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

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

Home Instruction

To approve home instruction for a BOCES special education student effective January 31, 2008 and until further notice. The tutor will be appointed from Syosset Home Tutoring, Inc. at \$38 per hour.

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

HOME INSTRUCTION APPROVED

Acceptance of a Donation

To accept a donation of \$75 from Dan Dubin for the purchase of library books at Willow Road School.

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

DONATION ACCEPTED

Nominations of Board Members to BOCES Board of Education

There are three BOCES Board Seats that will expire on June 30, 2008. The Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education would like to nominate William P. Stris.

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

W. STRIS NOMINATED FOR THE BOCES BOARD

Amendment to the Superintendent's Contract

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen agrees to amend the employment agreement dated November 22, 2005 between the Board and Dr. Elizabeth Lison, on the terms specified in the agreement dated February 26, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

SUPT. CONTRACT AMENDMENT APPROVED

Informational – Expiration of Trustee Terms

The expiration of Trustee terms are listed below:

**The office of Frank Chiachiere**, a member of the Board of Education, for a three-year term commencing 7/1/08 and expiring 6/30/11.

**The office of Debra Evans**, a member of the Board of Education, for a three-year term commencing 7/1/08 and expiring 6/30/11.

**The office of Cathy Subbiondo**, a member of the Board of Education, for a three-year term commencing 7/1/08 and expiring 6/30/11. Trustee Subbiondo will not be seeking re-election.

INFORMATIONAL: BOARD SEATS

Petitions are available in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8AM and 4PM on days when school is in session. Petitions, containing at least 45 signatures, must be returned by Monday, April 21, 2008 at 5PM.

**Report of the Attorney**  
Florence Frazer

Florence Frazer will submit a written report to the Board of Education.

**New Business**

Trustee Chiachiere advised that he will participate in the Education and Tax Payer Rally on March 1, 2008 protesting the state aide cuts on Long Island by Gov. Spitzer.

Executive Session

At 9:00 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Subbiondo, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel of a particular person and negotiations. The Superintendent and the attorney were asked to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 9:05 p.m. by President Stris.

RECONVENING

Adjournment

On a motion made by Trustee Gorham, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

*Denise Michels*  
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District Clerk