

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Auditorium of the Howell Road School on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Superintendent Robb-Fund
Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan
Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch
Coordinator of Curric. & Assessment Schozer
School District Attorneys Frazer and Perna
Principal Capozzoli
Principal Gruen
Principal Huplosky
Principal Steele

Approximately 20 Visitors

Convening

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

CONVENING

Quorum

Seven members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss legal issues and the employment history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Gartner, seconded by Trustee DiSibio and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and the attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. by President Greco Jacobs.

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, 2013 meetings.

MINUTES OF 1/15 and 1/22/13
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence

The following correspondence was received from Frazer & Feldman:

- FERPA and Foster Care Students
- Nassau County Tax Certiorari Proceedings – Authorization to Intervene

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from Guercio & Guercio:

- Guidance from US Dept. of Ed. – Office of Civil Rights, Regarding Access for Students with Disabilities to Extracurricular Activities
- APPR Update – Governor’s 2013-2014 Executive Budget Proposal
- Uniform Notice of Claims Act

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Superintendent Robb-Fund thanked Principal Huplosky for hosting the meeting this evening and Mrs. Martorana, the art teacher, for the Art Walk, which is a testimony to the important role the arts play in our district. Our teachers continue to implement the Common Core Learning Standards for NYS. Sixth grade students from Mr. Rosenfeld’s GT Class had the opportunity to interview Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. The SCOPE Winter Enrichment Program began on Saturday and will continue through March. The feedback has been positive and we hope to run this program again in the fall. Thanks to Mrs. Schozer, Coordinator of Curriculum and Assessment, more than 40 teachers were trained to implement an after-school program through the Hance Foundation for fifth grade girls this spring. The proposed budget was presented on February 13. The proposed budget is a 3.4% budget-to-budget increase and maintains our current programs. This evening the Board will acknowledge receipt of many different donations and grants. We are grateful to our community members, local organizations and others for their support of our schools. The partnerships created with businesses, our parents and community enhances our program and keeps the focus on learning.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [F. Chiachiere, S. Douglas]

Education Report

Karen Martorana, the Art Teacher at Howell, accepted certificates on behalf of Sarai Alleyne & Nianka Vincent who were presented Certificates of Recognition for having their art work on display at the New York State Art Teachers Assn. Legislative Student Art Exhibit in March.

EDUCATION REPORT

Memorandum of Agreement – VSTA

To approve the Memorandum of Agreement dated February 5, 2013 between the VSTA and the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education.

VSTA MOA – REVISED
CALENDAR

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

Employment of Teachers for the Before and After School ELA/Math Program

To employ the following teachers for the Before and After School ELA/Math Program for six (6) one-hour sessions at a salary of 1/200th pro-rata basis as follows:

EMPLOYMENT FOR ELA/
MATH BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAMS

James A. Dever

Andrea DiMango
Valerie Giannoulis
Annemarie Gunn
Anne O’Sullivan
Kim Spinner

Howell Road

Deborah DiBona
Cindy Gervasi
Pat Hopkins
Matthew Stashin
Elizabeth Sweeny
Marlou Teh-Bradley

Wheeler Avenue

Valerie Cassano
Rosemary Dellapina
Allison Douglas
Guy Jacob
Kristen Lees
Erin Maywald
Heather McDonough

Willow Road

Elena Bagge
Mairead Dorry
Nancy Sferrazza
Lauren Sposito

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement of a Speech Teacher

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Paula Groothuis, Speech Teacher assigned to Willow Road School, effective July 1, 2013.

P. GROOTHUIS RETIREMENT
ACCEPTED

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2012-2013 school year.

SUBSTITUTE LIST UPDATED

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE [J. Gartner, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer’s Report

To accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending January 31, 2013.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

Substitute Cleaner

To add James Casella as a substitute cleaner, and update the Substitute Cleaner List.

SUBSTITUTE CLEANER/LIST

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

Transportation Contract 2012 –2013

To approve the following cross contract with Lynbrook UFSD to transport an in-district student, whose placement was changed as of January 2, 2013, to the Seaford Elementary School.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Independent Coach

Seaford Elementary School 1 Student \$1725 per month w/Matron
Matron (Share cost w/Lynbrook)

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

Budget Transfer

BUDGET TRANSFER

To approve the following transfers effective February 27, 2013

From:

A5540.403.01 Contract Buses-Other Non-Public	\$ 5,000.00
A2630.400.01 Comp Assisted Instruct-Contractual	\$34,028.60
A1620.163.01 Custodial-Summer Help	\$ 4,000.00

To:

A5540.405.01 Contract Buses-BOCES	\$ 5,000.00
A2630.490.01 Comp Assisted Instruct-BOCES	\$34,028.60
A1620.500.01 Custodial & Cleaning-Supplies	\$ 4,000.00

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

VSTA EOP Promotion to Step 5

To approve the promotion from Step 4 to Step 5 for Patricia Curcio, Secretary assigned to Willow Road School, effective January 1, 2013 in accordance with the VSTAEOP/Board Agreement.

STEP PROMOTION APPROVED
P. CURCIO

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

Side Letter of Agreement with VSTA-EOP

To approve the Side Letter of Agreement between the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education and VSTA Educational Office Personnel dated February 26, 2013 and to authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

VSTA-EOP SIDE LETTER

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

State Environment Quality Review NEGATIVE DECLARATION, Notice of Non-Significance

SEQRA

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Project as follows:

- a. James A. Dever School
 - 1. Door Replacement SED # 28-02-13-02-0-001-028
 - 2. Modification to Corridor Doors
 - 3. Correct Ventilation Non-conformances
- b. Howell Road School SED # 28-02-13-02-0-002-018
 - 1. Hand Ball Court Repave
 - 2. Door Replacement
- c. Wheeler Avenue School SED # 28-02-13-02-0-003-020
 - 1. Replacement of Windows
 - 2. Roof Replacement
 - 3. Reconstruction of Parking Lot
 - 4. Modification to Corridor Doors
 - 5. Correct Ventilation Non-conformances

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The project mentioned above is now classified as Type II Actions as determined by NYCRR Section 617.5 and

WHEREAS, these projects fall under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
- B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (2): Replacement or Rehabilitation or Reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work excess a threshold for a Type I action in 6NYCRR Section 617.4.
- C. 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (8); Routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings.

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced projects fall under Categories "A" or "B" above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is "No Additional Action under 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (a)".

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

Correction of Non-conformances

CORRECTION OF NON-CONFORMANCE

WHEREAS, an inspection of District facilities has revealed certain non-conforming conditions that require immediate correction, as set forth in the attached letter from the District’s architect; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the District’s architect, it is necessary to undertake corrective work to address such non-conforming conditions and to retain outside contractors for certain portions of such work (“Projects”); now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District No. 13 hereby declares that the following Projects are essential for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff and for the protection and preservation of the District’s property, and that they constitute an ordinary contingent expense under NYS Education Law: (1) correction of smoke doors between elementary school and District office wing; alterations to ventilation system in business office (James A. Dever School, SED Project # 28-02-13-02-0-001-028) at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00, and (2) correction of smoke doors near gymnasium; alterations to ventilation system in social worker’s office (Wheeler Avenue School, SED Project # 28-02-13-02-0-003-020) at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, and hereby authorizes the foregoing expenditures, to be financed by appropriations from the District’s General Fund’s unassigned fund balance up to said amounts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the Projects in accordance with this resolution, including the solicitation of bids for such work in accordance with the District’s purchasing policy and regulations, and that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts for public work or the purchase of supplies, material or equipment in connection therewith, upon review and approval of such contracts as to form by the District’s legal counsel.

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

Change Order – Total Construction Corp.

CHANGE ORDER

Resolved that the Valley Stream UFSD #13 Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the architect, hereby approves change order # 1 in the amount of \$5,000 (deduction in the original contract amount) in connection with the contract with Total Construction Corp. for the James A Dever School Emergency Masonry Work.

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

Health & Welfare Contracts 2012-2013

HEALTH & WELFARE CONTRACTS

To approve the following Health & Welfare Contracts for the 2012-2013 school year from the following school districts:

Jericho UFSD	\$ 985.28
Lynbrook UFSD	\$12,401.48
Uniondale UFSD	\$ 3,603.36

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

Termination of a Custodian

TERMINATION OF A CUSTODIAN

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to the written directive received from Nassau County Civil Service Commission, Roberto Carreras, Jr., Custodian, is terminated effective February 26, 2013.

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

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, D. Evans]

Policies for 2nd Reading and Adoption

POLICIES ADOPTED

To adopt the following policies after a second reading:

- 1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings
- 8635 Information Security Breach & Notification
- 8635-R Regulations for Information Security Breach & Notification

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE [Vice-President S. Douglas]

Committee on Special Education Reviews

CSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Special Education Reviews dated 1/14, 1/17Wi, 1/17Wi, 1/18Wh, 1/18H, 1/22, 1/23D, 1/23Wi, 1/24Wh, 1/24Wh, 1/28, 1/30 1/31, 2/6, and 2/15/13.

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

Committee on Pre-school Special Education Reviews

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-school Education Reviews dated 1/15 and 2/6/13.

CPSE REVIEWS ADOPTED

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

Special Services Contract

To approve the Special Services Agreement between Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-four and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen for the 2012-2013 school year and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

SPECIAL SERVICES CONTRACT APPROVED

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

Special Services Contract

To approve the Special Services Agreement between Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen and Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-four for the 2012-2013 school year and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

SPECIAL SERVICES CONTRACT APPROVED

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

Impartial Hearing Officer

To remove Ellen Abberbock from the Impartial Hearing Officer list.

IHO REMOVED

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

Donation

To accept a donation from Mary McNamara of 15 Disney VHS tapes with an approximate value of \$15 for the Wheeler Avenue School.

DONATION ACCEPED

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

Donations

To accept two donations from the Nassau Suffolk Autism Society based on grants received by the Speech Teachers at Willow Road School as follows: (1) an iPad based on a grant received by Maura Lachance for use in the District, and (2) \$250 to purchase classroom supplies based on a grant received by Paula Groothuis.

DONATION ACCEPTED

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

Donations

To accept three donations to the District from Comp4Kids of NY (1) 50 IBM r52 Laptops with power cords with an approximate value of \$4,000 (2) 50 IBM r52 Laptops with power cords with an approximate value of \$4,000; and (3) 100 IBM r52 Laptops with power cords with an approximate value of \$8,000.

DONATION ACCEPTED

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

Donation

To accept a donation from Fidelis Care New York of wood cabinets with an approximate value of \$2,500.

DONATION ACCEPTED

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

Home Tutoring

To approve Home Tutoring for a Howell Road School student effective on or about March 4, 2013 through June 21, 2013. The tutor will be Matthew Stashin.

HOME TUTORING APPROVED

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

Informational

Petitions are available for two Board seats that expire on June 30, 2013, namely, Joseph DiSibio and Joan Gartner. This is a 3-year term of office effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. Petitions are available in the District Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday when school is in session. Petitions require 42 District Thirteen resident signatures and must be returned to the District Clerk by Monday, April 22, 2013 by 5:00 PM.

INFORMATIONAL – BOARD SEATS EXPIRE 6/30/13

High School Board Report
Frank Chiachiere

A large number of students were presented with a variety of awards for their musical abilities as determined by NYSSMA. In addition, many students and parents attended the meeting to express concerns they have about proposed targeted budget cuts. Parents and students representing the rifle, bowling, and golf teams spoke at length about their desire to have these teams reinstated in the budget.

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Florence Frazer reported on new legislature regarding school safety and firearms.

New Business

The VS #13 Educational Foundation has two fundraisers coming up:

March 8 Family Fun Night

June 24 Golf Outing Lido Golf Course & Dinner

Trustee Chiachiere attended the Nassau County Council of Superintendents' Financial Forum. He also went to Washington, DC and met with senators and representatives to lobby on behalf of educational funding.

Saturday, March 16 is the Legislative Breakfast at Memorial JHS.

Executive Session

At 8:45 p.m. a motion for an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person on a motion made by Trustee Chiachiere, seconded by Trustee Gartner and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Evans and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Debra Evans

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Acting District Clerk