

Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen held in the Auditorium at Willow Road School on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Trustee Chiachiere Trustee DiSibio Trustee Douglas Trustee Evans Trustee Greco Jacobs Trustee Stris	Trustee Gartner	Superintendent Robb-Fund Asst. Supt. for Business Brosnan Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Instr. Roth Asst. Supt. for Special Services Sells-Asch School District Attorneys Frazer, Perna Principal Capozzoli Principal Gruen Principal Huplosky Principal Zerillo Approximately 200 Visitors

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

CONVENING

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Executive Session
An Executive Session was held immediately to discuss legal issues on a motion made by Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and attorneys were invited to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvening
The meeting was reconvened at 8:02 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

RECONVENING

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Quorum
Six members being present, a quorum was determined.

QUORUM

Approval of the Minutes
To approve the Minutes of the January 17 and January 24, 2012 meetings.

MINUTES OF 1/17 & 1/24/12
MEETINGS APPROVED

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

Correspondence
Correspondence received from Frazer & Feldman:

CORRESPONDENCE

- Records Scheduled for Discussion at Open Meetings
- Ballot Propositions and the Property Tax Cap
- APPR Update

Memo received from Guercio & Guercio – Tax Certiorari Proceedings and Budgeting Implications
Memo from BOCES – Annual Meeting & Board Election Documentation
Memo from N-SSBA – Brief of the Lawsuit to Challenge Nassau County Repeal of “County Guarantee” has been filed with the Appellate Division.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Adrienne Robb-Fund

Superintendent Robb-Fund thanked the Willow Road Faculty for hosting the meeting. As she visited the buildings, she witnessed students engaged in reading, writing and learning. The primary grade teachers participated in staff development regarding Foundations, a program used to teach primary grade students phonics and spelling; while the other grade levels were creating units of study for ELA to align with the Common Core Learning Standards. The Inter-District Curriculum Council will meet periodically to discuss curriculum and create common learning experiences when they enter the high school district. The budget for 2012-2013 shows a budget-to-budget increase of 1.6% which falls within the 2% tax levy limit. This is largely due to a salary freeze for most employees during the 2012-2013 school year. Assistant Superintendent Brosnan gave a brief overview of the tax levy and the 2% tax levy limit and indicated that the tax levy limit for District Thirteen is 3.52%. Assemblyman Ra recently held an essay contest. He recognized the six District 13 students who won.

New York State School Boards Association Recognition Awards
Trustees Chiachiere, Douglas, Greco Jacobs and Stris received citations and pins from the New York State School Boards Association for participating in several School Board Courses. Superintendent Robb-Fund thanked the board members for their continued service to the district and the community.

NYSSBA RECOGNITION

Employment of a Part-time Bus Monitor/Substitute Noon Hour Aide

To employ James McGrady as a part-time bus monitor at \$10.50 per hour, two hours per day, effective February 3, 2012, and unless sooner terminated; and to add him as a Noon Hour Aide Substitute.

J. MCGRADY EMPLOYED AS A PART-TIME BUS MONITOR

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

Classroom Aide Gate Advancements

To approve the Gate Advancement from Step 5 to Step 6 for Elaine Bringas and Elizabeth D’Arienzo effective March 16, 2012 in accordance with the Classroom Aide/Valley Stream Board of Education Contract.

E. BRINGAS & E. D’ARIENZO GATES APPROVED

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

Substitute Classroom/Noon Hour Aides

To add Lourdes Cason and Sangeeta Pandit as Classroom/Noon Hour Aide Substitutes.

L. CASON & S. PANDIT ADDED AS CRA/NHA SUBSTITUTES

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

Committee Reports

EDUCATION [S. Douglas, J. Greco Jacobs]

Education Report - Common Core Standards for Math – Ms. Capozzoli, Principal of Willow Road School, introduced Lauren Sposito, math coordinator for Willow Road School. Ms. Sposito, along with Nancy Sferrazza and Vicky Mitchell had the students demonstrate games used in the classrooms to teach students different math skills.

There was a short recess.

Credit for Advanced Study

To approve the Credit for Advanced Study as listed in accordance with the VSTA/Board Agreement effective 2/1/12:

E. ABBALLE APPROVED FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Name	From	To
Elizabeth Abballe	10MA+30	10MA+45

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

Change in Salary Step

To change the salary step for Catherine Ricchiutti from Step 9MA+30 to Step 8MA+30 effective February 1, 2012 due to the VSTA/Board Contract.

C. RICCHIUTTI SALARY STEP CORRECTED

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

Substitute Teacher List

To approve the updated Substitute Teacher List for the 2011-2012 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST UPDATED AND APPROVED

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

Appointment of Teachers for the Before and After School ELA Program

To appoint the following teachers for the Before and After School ELA Program for a total of six 60-minute sessions, effective February 27, 2012 through April 5, 2012 at their hourly rate of pay as follows:

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ELA TEACHERS APPOINTED

James A. Dever School

- Grade 3 – Laura J. Butler
- Grade 4 - Annemarie Gunn
- Grade 5 - MaryEllen Kefalogiannis
- Grade 6 - Jennifer Ferreiro

Howell Road School

- Grade 3 - Antoinette Pomerantz
- Grade 4 - Lisa Ellis
- Grade 5 - Corinne Cortes
- Grade 6 - Matthew Stashin

Wheeler Avenue School

- Grade 3 - Rosemary Dellapina
- Grade 4 - Corrine Lavin
- Grade 5 - MaryEllen Vella
- Grade 6 - Valerie Cassano

Willow Road School

- Grade 3 - Lauren Sposito
- Grade 4 - Jillian Mendes
- Grade 4 - Mairead Dorry
- Grade 5 - Elena Bagge
Melissa Bianculli
- Grade 6 - Richard Faso

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

Appointment of Teachers for the Before and After School Math Program

To appoint the following teachers for the Before and After School Math Program for a total of six 60-minute sessions, effective February 27, 2012 through April 5, 2012 at their hourly rate of pay as follows:

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL
MATH TEACHERS APPOINTED

James A. Dever School
Grade 3 - Anne O’Sullivan
Grade 4 - Annemarie Gunn
Grade 5 - Jonah J. Weiner
Grade 6 - Jennifer Ferreiro

Howell Road School
Grade 3 - Cindy Gervasi
Grade 4 - Patricia Hopkins
Grade 5 - Elizabeth Sweeny
Grade 6 - Debbie DiBona

Wheeler Avenue School
Grade 3 - Corrine Lavin
Grade 4 - Kristen Mundy
Grade 5 - Kristen Lees
Grade 6 - Valerie Cassano

Willow Road School
Grade 3 - Lauren Sposito
Grade 4 - Matthew Costantino
Grade 4 - Mairead Dorry
Grade 5 - Elena Bagge
Melissa Bianculli
Grade 6 - Richard Faso

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

BUSINESS [D. Evans, J. DiSibio]

Treasurer’s Reports

To approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated December 31, 2011 and January 31, 2012.

TREASURER’S REPORTS
APPROVED

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

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Joan Guarneri, Principal Account Clerk, in accordance with the VSTA/EOP Amendment to the Employment Agreement dated February 28, 2012 between Joan Guarneri and the Valley Stream #13 Board of Education, effective July 31, 2012.

J. GUARNERI’S RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Douglas, with regrets, and carried unanimously. President Chiachiere expressed his regrets on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Guarneri has been a valued, trusted and respected employee of the district for many years. We will miss her and we wish her well.

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

To accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Hugh Butler, Custodian assigned to Wheeler Avenue School effective June 30, 2012.

H. BUTLER’S RESIGNATION
ACCEPTED

Moved by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously. President Chiachiere expressed his good wishes to Mr. Butler for many years of valued service to the District, and he will be missed.

Surplus Vehicle

To declare surplus and dispose of the following inoperable/irreparable district vehicle through No Limit Towing & Recovery of Island Park, NY, at no cost to the district.

SURPLUS VEHICLE DECLARED
IRREPARABLE

1977 Ford F350 Dump Truck
Vehicle Identification Number F37HEY43664

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

Memorandum of Agreement With Franklin Hospital Medical Center

WHEREAS, the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen (“District”) and Franklin Hospital Medical Center (“Hospital”) desire to replace an existing fence located on District property running along the District’s northerly border abutting Hospital property (“Project”); and

MOA W/FRANKLIN HOSPITAL
MEDICAL CENTER MOTION
LAYED ON THE TABLE FOR
FURTHER DISCUSSION

WHEREAS, the Hospital proposes to undertake said Project, at its sole cost and expense, for the benefit of the District and proposes to donate and convey said Project to the District upon completion; and

WHEREAS, said Project is classified as a Type II Action under applicable SEQRA regulations; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education establishes itself as the lead agency for the purposes of SEQRA determinations regarding the aforesaid Project and, upon review and consideration of the proposed action, hereby determines the Project to be a Type II Action, as defined by 6 NYCRR §617.5(c), which will have no significant impact upon the environment and which does not require any other determination or review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the proposed donation of the Project and, in connection therewith, approves the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) between the District and the Hospital and authorizes the Hospital to

undertake the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MOA; and authorizes the Board President to execute said MOA on behalf of the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Stris, to "Lay on the Table," seconded by Trustee Greco Jacobs, and carried unanimously.

POLICY COMMITTEE [W. Stris, J. Gartner]
No report this month.

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 1/12Wh, 1/12Wi, 1/13, 1/17, 1/23Wi, 1/23Wi, 1/23Wh, 1/24, 1/25, 1/26, 1/27, 2/2VPS, 2/2D, 2/6Wh, 2/6D, 2/7 and 2/13/12.

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

Committee on Pre-School Special Education Review

CPSE REVIEW ADOPTED

To ratify and adopt the Committee on Pre-School Education Review dated 2/7/12.

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

Special Education Contract

BELLMORE UFSD TUITION CONTRACT APPROVED

To approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between Bellmore UFSD and Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Special Services Contract

HENRY VISCARD SCHOOL CONTRACT APPROVED

To approve the Special Services Contract between the Henry Viscardi School and the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Board of Education for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Informational

Petitions are available for two Board seats that expire on June 30, 2012, namely, William P. Stris and Jeanne Greco Jacobs. This is a 3-year term of office effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. 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 45 District Thirteen resident signatures and must be returned to the District Clerk by Monday, April 16, 2012 by 5:00 PM.

Report of the Attorney
Florence Frazer

Attorney Frazer will submit her report to the District Clerk.

New Business

Transportation Proposition

TRANSPORTATION PROPOSITION

The Board of Education discussed the question of whether to hold a special election for the Transportation Proposition submitted by members of the community. The proposition requires the District to provide transportation to students in grades 4 through 6 who reside more than one-half mile from school. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of holding a special election for the transportation proposition prior to the Annual Election on May 15, 2012. If a special election were held, the Board would have the opportunity to make any necessary adjustments to the budget before presenting it to voters at the Annual Election. However, it is estimated that the cost of holding the special election would be approximately \$27,000.

Trustee DiSibio made a motion to include the Transportation Proposition on the ballot of the May 15, 2012 Annual Election. Trustee Evans seconded the motion. A "no" vote being heard, the District Clerk polled the board as follows:

Trustee Stris	Yes	Trustee DiSibio	Yes
Trustee Greco Jacobs	No	Trustee Douglas	Yes
Trustee Evans	Yes	Trustee Chiachiere	Yes

The vote being 5-1 in favor, the motion to hold one election carries.

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Stris, for an executive session to consult with the attorneys, seconded by Trustee Douglas and carried unanimously. The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business and the attorneys were asked to attend. Action may be taken.

At 9:55 p.m. the District Clerk left the meeting after being told there would be no further action.

Reconvening

RECONVENING

The meeting was reconvened at 10:45 p.m. by President Chiachiere.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously.

Denise Michels

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District Clerk